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HOUSE BILL 3310

By White

AN ACT to amend Chapter 308 of the Private Acts of 1923; as amended by Chapter 357 of the Private Acts of 1953; Chapter 83 of the Private Acts of 1981 and Chapter 20 of the Private Acts of 1987; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of Hohenwald.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 308 of the Private Acts of 1923, as amended by Chapter 357 of the Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 83 of the Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 20 of the Private Acts of 1987, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the second sentence of Section 3 and substituting instead the following:

They shall be elected by the qualified voters residing within the city, or by any non-resident owning at least a twenty-five percent (25%) fee simple interest in a parcel of real property within the city consisting of at least ten thousand (10,000) square feet or having an appraised value for real property tax purposes of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000), provided the person is a qualified voter, and is properly registered to vote in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Tennessee.

SECTION 2. Chapter 308 of the Private Acts of 1923 as amended, is further amended by deleting in Item (1) of Section 6 the language "is estimated to cost in excess of \$200" and substituting instead the language "is estimated to cost in excess of \$4,000".

SECTION 3. Chapter 308 of the Private Acts of 1923 as amended, is further amended by deleting in the sixth and ninth sentences of the fourth paragraph of Section 9, the language "two thousand dollars (\$2,000)" and substituting instead the language "four thousand dollars (\$4,000)".

SECTION 4. Chapter 308 of the Private Acts of 1923 as amended, is further amended by deleting in the last paragraph of Section 13, the language "the municipality" and substituting instead the language "Lewis County".

SECTION 5. Chapter 308 of the Private Acts of 1923 as amended, is further amended by deleting the first paragraph of Section 26 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Be it further enacted, that where the estimated expenditure for any public improvement or other public purpose, taken as a whole, amounts to more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), it shall be the duty of the Mayor to have the same advertised and let the matter or work for which the expenditure is desired to the lowest competent and responsible bidder; provided however, that the City Council may pass an ordinance to increase this public advertisement and competitive bidding limit up to the maximum allowed under the general municipal purchasing law of the state, as found in T.C.A. 6-56-306, as amended. Provided further, that the Mayor may reject any or all bids for such public improvement or work, and may elect to have such improvement or work done by the employees of the municipality. The Mayor, however, may negotiate for any particular item, provided the council approves the purchase prior to the final consummation of sale.

SECTION 6. Chapter 308 of the Private Acts of 1923 as amended, is further amended by deleting in the second paragraph of Section 26, the language "two thousand dollars (\$2,000)" and substituting instead the following language: "four thousand dollars (\$4,000)".

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Hohenwald. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the city of Hohenwald and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 7.